

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 576

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mayor Bobby D. Vincent for his numerous years of public service.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those Tennesseans who stand as community leaders and dedicated civic servants; and

WHEREAS, Bobby D. “Bob” Vincent of Dayton is one such intrepid individual who, for the past four decades, has held various local government positions and has rendered sterling service as the Mayor of Dayton; and

WHEREAS, sworn into office in 2005, Mayor Vincent became Dayton’s first mayor to be chosen by a vote of the people when he was elected to the position in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Vincent brought a wealth of public service experience to the office; he has been a member of the Dayton City Council for the past thirty-two years, serving as the vice mayor for a term of four years, and has also sat on the Dayton City School Board for the past thirty-two years, serving as chairman and vice chairman of that body for a total of twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bob Vincent is also a member of the Rhea County Economic and Tourism Council, served on the Southeast Tennessee Human Resources Agency for eight years, served on the Southeast Development Association Board for eight years, is a longtime member of the Rotary Club, and has been a member and officer of several committees within the Tennessee Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, during the eight years of his administration, Mayor Vincent committed himself to the highest levels of service, and his office successfully undertook a number of positive efforts, including a number of improvements and renovations to Dayton’s recreational

complexes and facilities and its city schools and the construction of new electric and maintenance department facilities and a new post office; and

WHEREAS, he is also responsible for the addition of a skills center and an improved industrial park area, both of which have had a beneficial impact upon the entire county; and

WHEREAS, Bob Vincent holds an associate's degree from Tennessee Wesleyan College and a Bachelor of Science degree from Covenant College and was recognized as an honorary alumni by Bryan College; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Vincent is not a newcomer to serving the public; before taking a decisive role in his local government, he served in the United States Army Reserve from 1958-1964; and

WHEREAS, he was employed by the Suburban Manufacturing Company for thirty-one years and retired as the company's vice president, and he is currently the owner of K&B Properties; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Vincent has been a leader in the recreational vehicle community for years, standing as the chairman of the RVIA Technical Committee for twelve years, as chairman of the Gas Appliance Manufacturing Association for four years, and as a member of the National Board of Directors of the Recreational Vehicle Manufacturing Association for seven years. His impact upon the community is such that he was inducted into the RVIA Hall of Fame in 1997 in recognition of his contributions to the development of a twelve-volt electric ignition, the first such electric ignition to be utilized by the recreational vehicle industry, and the RVMA Museum in Elkhart, Indiana, has on display his invention; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mayor Bob Vincent was named the Rhea County Business Executive of the Year in 1979 and was recognized as one of twenty-five most influential executives by *National RV Business Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout member of the First Baptist Church, where he has served as a member for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, he is also devoted to family values of the highest order, and is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Maxine; their sons, Bobby Vincent

II and Kirkland Vincent; and their grandchildren, Kirkland Vincent II, Bobby Vincent III, Kade Vincent, Britten Vincent, and Kailee Vincent; and

WHEREAS, for forty years, Bob Vincent has dedicated himself to serving the needs of his community, and it is wholly fitting that this body recognize his service and his many contributions to the growth, development, and improvement of Dayton; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Mayor Bobby D. Vincent for his many years of public service, applaud his commitment to his community, and extend our best wishes for his every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.